Pelham Restorative Justice FOIL

On March 5th, 2025 I have submitted a FOIL request to the village of Pelham, New York. My request was regarding the usage of restorative justice in the Pelham school district. See below for my request and the response I have received from the village clerk.

Initial Request

I am looking for any records that describe the usage of restorative justice practices within an educational context. An example of restorative justice in a criminal matter context would be something like if an offender goes and breaks a window, instead of the judge sentencing them to jail time for their wrong doing, the judge will sentence them to repair the broken window. But if someone were to murder another individual, restorative justice won't be used that offender would get the traditional justice system punishment. I am mainly seeking something it being used in schools, like if a bully gives another student a wedgie for instance, for the bully and the victim to face each other. The victim might ask questions like why did you embarrass me? But if the offense is much deeper like involving violent and aggressive behavior like threatening the school, you are going to have to use traditional disciplinary action. I mainly would like to know if there are any programs like this being used or any polices that include restorative justice language.

Village Clerk Response

In regards to your FOIL request, no such records exist.

Thank you,
Adriana Rugova | Village Clerk